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SUBJECT: HAITI: FORMER POPULAR ORGANIZATION LEADER RENE
CIVIL ARRESTED

Classified By: AMBASSADOR JANET A. SANDERSON, REASONS 1.4(B) AND (D).

(C) The Haitian National Police (HNP) arrested Aristide confidant Rene Civil in the Haitian-Dominican border town of Malpasse on the evening of May 12. As former leader of one of the largest Popular Organizations (OP) in Port-au-Prince, Civil orchestrated political violence in Aristide's name during his second presidential term. Civil had been living in exile in the Dominican Republic since Aristide's departure in February 2004. Haitian authorities transported Civil to a prison in Arcahaie, a town 45 minutes North of Port-au-Prince. Details of Civil's apprehension in the Dominican Republic remain unclear but Haitian authorities issued an arrest warrant for Civil in March 2004 on the grounds of participating in criminal activities (In French "association des malfaiteurs"). SANDERSON